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Resident:

Alaska Resident per AS 16.05.415(a): "resident" means a person (including an alien) who is physically present in Alaska with the intent to remain indefinitely and make a home here, has maintained that person's domicile in Alaska for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding this application for a license, and is not claiming residency or obtaining benefits under a claim of residency in another state, territory, or country; a member of the military service or U.S. Coast Guard who has been permanently stationed in Alaska for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding this application for a license; or a dependent of a resident member of the military service or U.S. Coast Guard who has lived in Alaska for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding this application for a license. A person who does not otherwise qualify as a resident may not qualify by virtue of an interest in an Alaska business.

Per AS 16.05.415(b): A person who establishes residency in the state in accordance with the residency provision above remains a resident during an absence from the state unless during the absence the person (1) establishes or claims residency in another state, territory, or country; or (2) performs an act, or is absent under circumstances, that are inconsistent with the intent required under the residency provision above.

For further information, see the [Residency Info Sheet](#) (PDF 681 kB) and [Residency Qualifications](#).

Nonresident Military:

Active duty members of the military, and their dependents, who have been *permanently* stationed in Alaska for less than 12 months.

Nonresident:

A person who does not meet Alaska residency requirements as outlined above and is a resident of the United States; or an alien who has maintained a permanent place of abode in the United States.

Nonresident Alien:

A person who is not a citizen of the United States nor has lived in the State of Alaska for the preceding 12 consecutive months.

Second degree of kindred:

"Second degree of kindred" means a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, spouse, grandparent, grandchild, brother- or sister-in-law, son- or daughter-in-law, father- or mother-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepsister, stepbrother, stepson, or stepdaughter (5 AAC 92.990).

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Do You Qualify for Resident Fishing/Hunting?

The following set of qualification may help you to determine whether or not you qualify for resident fishing/hunting (and licensing). *These guidelines are based on statutes and do not substitute for full determination of residency based on actual statutes and residency information links/documents available at page bottom.*

If you...	Yes	No	Maybe
<i>are physically present in Alaska with the intent to remain indefinitely, and</i>	✔	✘	i
<i>have maintained a home in the state for the preceding 12 months and</i>	✔	✘	i
<i>are not claiming residency in any other state or receiving benefits from residency of another state</i>	✔	✘	i
OR			
<i>are a member (or their dependent) of the military service stationed in Alaska for the preceding 12 consecutive months</i>	✔	✘	i

If you answered "Yes" to all non-military qualifications or "Yes" to the military qualification you probably meet residency requirements.

If you answered "No" or "Maybe" to any of the non-military or military qualifications listed above, you may not meet residency requirements.

For more detailed information please see our [Residency Definitions page](#) and our [Residency Info Sheet \(PDF 681 kB\)](#) or [contact a Fish and Game licensing office](#).